MERCENARY

EVERBLACK

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EVERBLACK

(Music: Kral/Jakob/Signar)

This everflowing stream
Disappears without a trace
That everglowing dream
Never worth the lengthy chase

Now follow me
The leader of exploration
I'm the one that you obey
Command the chain into perfection
End your days in victory

Inspiration high
For the mission possible
Desperation low
Four falling feathers
On your broken ribs
Behold the second coming
Since we drew the first breath
Sweetheart
We're in control for operation
Everblack...

Narrow minded ignorants
Come what may, I'll raise the flag
Hear them all forever chanting
Everblack

Picture this
The impact of soldiers blazing
Like a deadly tidal wave
A sight that's so amazing
It surely takes your breath away

Mass hysteria
We love the feeling
Monumentally
Extremity arise
Like the crescent moon
That speaks to me
Behold the second coming
Since we drew the first breath
Sweetheart
We're in control for operation
Everblack...

Narrow minded ignorants
Come what may, I'll raise the flag
Hear the whole world chanting
Everblack

The future is now or never
A phase to overcome
Mercenary lives forever
We'll conquer one by one
Purple heart
The metal of honour is chosen
For the ones that slay the weak
Our mission everblasting
Destination bittersweet

This evergrowing dream
Disappears without a trace
Forever flowing streams
Running deep inside my veins

We're the brothers of slaughter
Operation Everblack
We're the new metal order
Giving you a heart attack

SEIZE THE NIGHT

(Music: Kral/Jakob/Rasmus)

Nosferatu...
Gone in six six seconds, ticking away
As the sun soon sets
The corner stone of my regrets
The shadow shades me always...

I am reduced to darkness
The burden I never lost
Nocturnal heartless
I've never seen the day

Like father like son
I inherit the chronicle
The heritage continues
Like mother like daughter
The witches of underworlds
Burned at the stake a long time ago

So now I hunger
For the taste of new blood
I am the lonely hunter
Come follow me as I...

Seize the night
The epidemic, awakes me
In transformation
I spread my wings, and drift away
Draculation
The countless necks, I have poisoned
Carpe nocte
I've never seen the days anyway

I close my eyes to what's not there
I think it's strange you never knew

Silently watching
From my steel black coffin
My arms lay crossed
I await another flight
That takes me one step closer, to light
The smell of blood enchants me

I am reduced to darkness
The burden I never lost
Like a poison ivy
Come follow me as I...

Seize the night
The epidemic awakes me
In desperation
I spread my wings, and fly away...
Draculation
The countless necks, I have poisoned
Carpe nocte
I've never seen the days anyway...

My soul perished, as my mirror reflection vanished
Been born 2000 years ago
I'm the brother of Jesus...

The shadow that shades me
And keeps me forever black
The light surrenders upon my domicile
The cross of Christ
The twin that blinds my bloodshut eyes
Like garlic that penetrates my skin
Awaken me

Everblack
You never spoke to me
Your demon heart
And your evil ways

Seize the night
The epidemic, awakes me
In transformation
I spread my wings, and drift away
Draculation
The countless necks I have poisoned
Carpe nocte
I've never seen the days anyway...

SCREAMING FROM THE HEAVENS

(Music: Jakob)

After all
The way you wanna live like thisAnd all along the wayIt was meaninglessNevermore

Will I gain the same
The hiding of your shadow
The feeling is fading

Faster...
Forever, forever after
The burning sensation
The turning temptation

Screaming
Screaming from the heavens
And down upon thee
In tears of sadness

And dreaming
Dreaming that the wonder wars
Would sweep the global
Disease, I'm hopeful

Fire
Bleeding desire
The burning sensation
The turning temptation
Faster
Forever, forever after
The burning sensation
The turning temptation...

Screaming from the heavens
And down upon thee
In tears of sadness

The shadow makes me forever dream

No...

After all
The way you wanna live like this
And all along the way
It was meaningless

Nevermore
Will I gain the same
The hiding of your shadow
The feeling still fading

Faster
Forever, forever after
The burning sensation
The turning temptation
Screaming
Forever, forever dreaming
Of the heaven
The bloodred heaven...

DEAD.COM

(Music: Jakob)

You will follow orders
Obey my command at all times
Or you will be punished

Spikes...
Spikes yeah
And you're gonna get 'em

As I crept away
From the sun in the sea
Who would you betray?
Certainly not me

Because I'm restless master
Just like you teach your slaves
The masses join in laughter

Land of the free
Home of the slaves
Pictures of peace
Blessing the graves
Come follow me
I'll be the one
Setting you free
From dead.com

Shot down by a 12 gauge
Shotgun, never feel safe
Struck hard by a spiked fist
Cold blood runs down your face

As your hate grows stronger
Towards the one
You're underneath
Not far from going under
Don't wave your rank at me

Because I'm restless master
Just like you teach your slaves
The masses join in laughter

Land of the free
Home of the slaves
Pictures of peace
Blessing the graves
Come follow me
I'll be the one
Setting you free
Dead.com...

Come dead

Don't wave your rank at me...

Because I'm restless
Just like you teach your slaves
(Shot down)

Shot down by a 12 gauge
Shotgun, never feel safe
Struck hard by a spiked fist
Cold blood runs down your face
Just like you teach your slaves...
At the masters graves

Land of the free
Home of the brave
Pictures of peace
Blessing the graves
Come follow me
I'll be the one
Setting you free
From dead.com

Land of the free
Home of the brave
Pictures of peace
Blessing the graves
Come follow me
I'll be the one
Setting you free
We're all in line creeping in pain

Dead calm
Dead calm...
Come dead

DARKSPEED

(Music: Jakob)

Now I know, where to go
The miles are many
But I'll get there
In the fast lane
Full speed ahead
Down by the green line
And never red

Brakes are burning, adrenaline
2000 miles or more, on through the night
To the limit, I shall fly
It's my destiny, my final ride

Darkspeed, I trusted thee
Believe in me
Nightsight, inverted backwards
It's a dream

On the run
The road keeps on turning, away
Now I'm gone
Forever you'll be searching, for me
How many heartbeats like lightyears
At darkspeed, look to the skyline
And bleed all you need

Still I wonder, how I got here?
On the freeway it happens every year
To the limit, I still fly
It's my destiny
The final ride...
The final ride

The road is burning
At the rate of darkspeed
You'll never find me
Dark ashes to ashes
You can eat my dust
Swallow you may
Spit it out if you must...

On the run
The road keeps on turning, away
Now I'm gone
Forever you'll be searching, for me
How many heartbeats
Take lightyears at darkspeed
Look to the skyline
And bleed all you need
On and on
The road keeps on turning away
Now you'll be
Searching darkspeed

BLOODRUSH

(Music: Kral/Jakob)

What a rush...

When we're on stage
You can't do nothing but
Relate to something
We feed the feeling
Of the natural highs
And God forbode the blood...

Would you separate the truths
Through lies
In the constellation grey
Inner eye

Bloodrush
Running through your veins
Bloodlust
Do you know our names?

Forgotten soldiers
We're soldiers of fortune
Do not deceive us
We'll never retreat...

The blood that flows through you
Is thinner, than the wine
We used to dine
With sinners like ourselves
And God forbode the blood...

Would you separate the truths
Through lies
In the constellation grey
Inner eye
Forever you will bleed
Everblack
And life would surely be
Never bright...

Bloodrush
Running through your veins
Bloodlust
Do you know our names?

Forgotten soldiers
We're soldiers of fortune
Do not deceive us
We'll never retreat...

Explore...the bloodrush
The bloodred highs
The bleeding eye
Explore...the bloodrush
The bloodred highs
The bleeding eye
And God forbode the blood...

Would you separate the truths
Through lies
In the constellation grey
Inner eye

Bloodrush
Running through your veins
Bloodlust
Do you know our names?

Forgotten soldiers
We're soldiers of fortune
Do not deceive us
We'll never retreat...

As we sat around the table
Drinking the blood from our glasses
What a rush...
Then Jesus said to me
I can cure you my friend...
If everything else fails
I'll show you the way
Out of the darkness
And into the light

Show me the way
Bleeding the trail
Don't be afraid
Lead me again

A DARKER SHADE OF BLACK

(Music: Jakob)

Join me

...The dark...

Welcome to the United States of Neuropa
Welcomes you all
Here's plenty of place for all
The criminals
United we fail...

For the military union
Someday we'll wonder
What happened to our kingdom?
It's a tragedy
No...
Won't you join us
In the mass destruction
And the wildlife reduction...

Futuristic futurama
We're caught up
In this dramatised way
Strategies of hate
It's a steady regression

For the final settlement
We're the winners of nothing
Soon disconnected
And the sinners of something...else

Won't you join us?
In a darker shade of black
And a brighter shade of grey
The authorities
must not be notified
'Cause then the media
Will be terrorized

Fall for the military union
Someday we'll wonder
What happened to our freedom
Seems far away
Deeper into oblivious
A night like no other
Share my passion
On this lonely offer

Won't you join us?
In this monetary union
The continental mission
Now, now won't you join us
Won't you join us?
In a darker shade of black
And a brighter shade of grey
Some day

BULLETBLUES

(Music: Jakob)

Consider slaughter as entertainment
The shockshow, ensures success
Nostalgia isn't what it used to be
Is this murder in the first degree

Your eyes were false
Mirrors to your soul
All along
Inverted backwards
Manipulating me
Now I see it, so differently

Here today, gone tomorrow
Wherever you go, I'll stand behind you
Hear me out now, listen closely
It's all a dream, and we're all in it

Breathing down the barrel of a shotgun
A fireline of powdered dust
A deadly sniper on the roof
Takes a shot, I'm bulletproof

The ability to walk away
Come to gripe
Seize the day
Turn the spotlight
Face to face
Come what may
I'm a man with a mission

Here today, gone tomorrow
Wherever you go, I'll stand behind you
Hear me out now, listen closely
It's all a dream, and we're all in it

We're all inside a dream
We're still waking up
Waking up...

Consider slaughter as entertainment
The shockshow, ensures success
Nostalgia isn't what it used to be
Deja vu in the first degree

If you aim right between my eyes...
Pull the trigger, if you dare...
Another bullet rain of lies...
Shoot me once
Shoot me twice
Shoot me down, yeah yeah

RESCUE ME

(Music: Jakob)

And now, you remind me
Of the life, we used to live
It stings, just like jealousy
Is it love, in disguise
When we started to drift away
From the perfect past we had
And you wanted to play the game
Of my bittersweet feelings...

The feelings were so bittersweet

Don't let me go
My only love is leaving

Won't you rescue me?
You're my soul companion
Love is what we make it
I could never feel

What I feel right now
Are you feeling the same way too?
And dream, what I dreamt back then
I'm forever blackening...

Becoming black forever

Don't let me go
And let me drown alone

Won't you rescue me?
My broken heart is bleeding
Love is what we make it
I could never...
Break it...

But still I did
And you cannot blame me

And still, this is my honesty
As I always wanted it to be

Why do I feel so bittersweet?
The distance, killing me
In time, when we grow older
May life smile upon you dear
My heart would surely be colder
Going through the years in tears...

Cold heart is bleeding
Turns tears to dust

My only love is leaving
We will be forgiven
My broken heart is bleeding
We will be forgiven...

Don't you rescue me
I found my real salvation
Don't you rescue me
She's my true temptation
Don't you rescue me...

ALLIANCE

(Music: Kral)

Shoulder to shoulder
In union we stand
The power brigade
Blasting all the way through God's land
Side by side
It's the alliance we've planned
If anyone falls, it should be hand in hand

Side by side
Join the alliance
Side by side

You came to see us rock, rock hard
We penetrate the barrier
Of noise that never stops, not now
Join the mass crusaders
And be forever free
From evergreens and neverblacks
In all eternity
We'll keep the flag from burning
Like this

One more time
Join the alliance
Partners in crime

The mission is simply this
As you enter enemy territory
Hold your weapons high
May God have mercy on your soul

Cursed be the man
Who is not in the mass crusade
Stretching the banner
That's five miles wide
Blessing the flag
That is fifty feet tall
Kissing the ring
That burns forever your name
Eye to eye
With the alliance in flames

You came to see us rock, rock hard
We penetrate the barrier
Of noise that never stops, not now
Join the mass crusaders
And be forever free
From evergreens and neverblacks
In all eternity
We'll keep the flag from burning
Like this...

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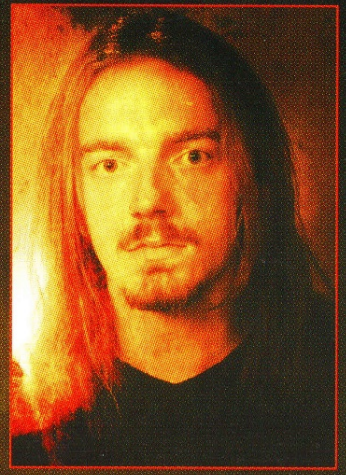
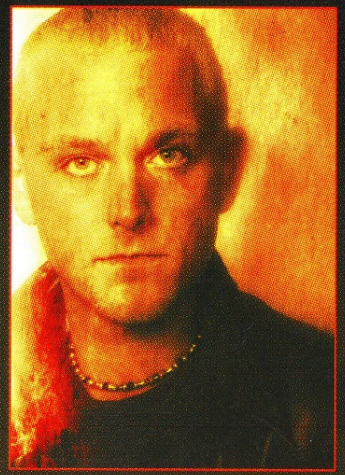
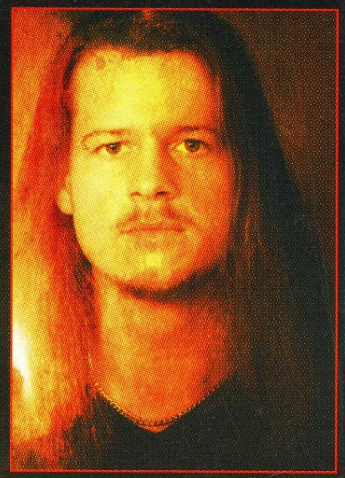


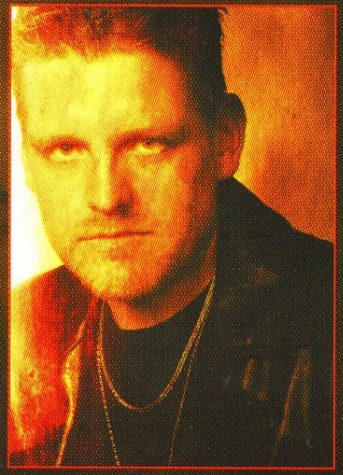
Jakob: Guitars



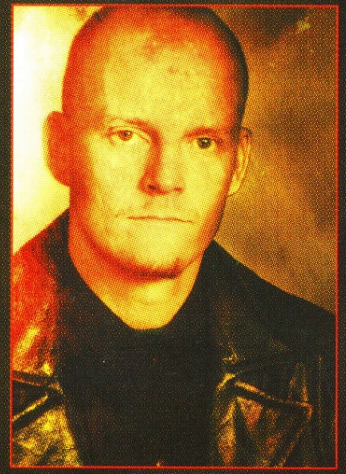
Mikkel: High-pitch vocals



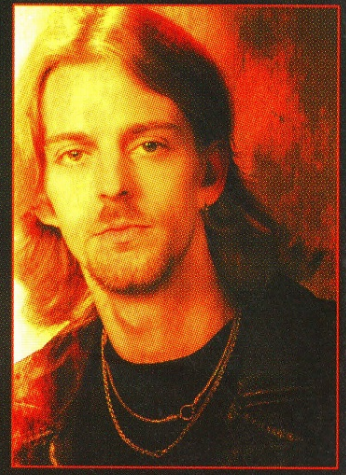
Kral: Shouts,
growls 'n' screams, bass



Morten: Keyboards



Rasmus: Drums



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